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Escape from Bagram

Part 1

In the Name of Allāh, Most-Gracious, Most-Merciful

1. *“Verily, We have given to you a clear victory*
2. *That Allāh may forgive you your sins of the past and the future and complete His favor on you and keep you on the Straight Path,*
3. *And that Allāh might help you with a strong help.*
4. *He it is Who sent down tranquility into the hearts of the believers that they might have more of faith added to their faith-- and to Allāh belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth, and Allāh is Knowing, Wise –*
5. *That He may cause the believing men and the believing women to enter gardens beneath which rivers flow to abide therein and remove from them their evil; and that is a grand achievement with Allāh*
6. *And (that) He may punish the hypocritical men and the hypocritical women, and the polytheistic men and the polytheistic women, the entertainers of evil thoughts about Allāh. For them is a disgraceful torment, and the Anger of Allāh is upon them and He has cursed them and prepared hell for them, and worst indeed is the destination.*
7. *And to Allāh belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth; and Allāh is Mighty, Wise.”*

Qur’ān, Surat Al-Fat’h, Verses 1-7

Abū Nāsir Al-Qahtānī:

“In the Name of Allāh, Most-Gracious, Most-Merciful. This is a message to the pig of America, Bush, and to his scum from the American army in Afghanistan, and to the feeble and pathetic intelligence services. With the permission of Allāh All Mighty we will reach the places of the *Mujāhidīn* and we will return with the permission of Allāh to



fight you, and the glory is to Allāh, His Messenger and the believers. Allāh is the Greatest...”

1. *When the youths sought refuge in the cave, they said: Our Lord! grant us mercy from Thee, and provide for us a right course in our affair.*
2. *So We prevented them from hearing in the cave for a number of years.*
3. *Then We raised them up that We might know which of the two parties was best able to compute the time for which they remained.*
4. *We relate to you their story with the truth; surely they were youths who believed in their Lord and We increased them in guidance.*

Qur’ān, Surat Al-Kahf, Verses 10-13

Abū Nāsir Al-Qahtānī:

“In the Name of Allāh, Most-Gracious, Most-Merciful

All praise is due to Allāh Lord of the Worlds

And prayers and peace be upon the most honourable of Prophets and Messengers.

All praise is due to He who helped His Slave and defeated the confederates Alone

And all praise is due to He who carried out His Promise

All praise is due to Allāh, a lot of good and blessed praise due to Him

All praise is due to Him Who saved us from the disbelieving people

And all praise is due to Him Who saved us from the oppressing people

To Proceed:

I wish, by the Will of Allāh, to demonstrate to you how we escaped from the American prison in Bagram. As you can see in front of you, this map shows the main landmarks of the American prison in Bagram. As is known, the American base of Bagram, is one of the largest bases located in the whole of the continent of Asia, containing approximately



13,000 soldiers. And also contains approximately 6,000 soldiers belonging to the allied forces, from Germany, Japan, Egypt, the Emirates and other countries.

As for this building, it is the American prison, this is the main lounge room, this is the wall that encloses the prison. These rooms that are drawn in green, are the rooms of the prisoners, approximately 10 by 7 meters in size. As for these red dots, they are the American guards who oversee the rooms. The arrows show the movement of some of the guards as they oversee the rooms, shows the movement of the guard. These red dots also represent the American guards.

As for this room, it was especially for the Arabs. The amount of Arabs in this prison was approximately eleven Arabs. As for the rest of the Arabs, they were transferred to Guantanamo.

With the blessing of Allāh All Mighty, some of the American officers – and as I told you, this is the room of the Arabs, and this is the guard in charge of this room – some of the officers put up between us and the Afghan prisoners a barrier to cut any connection between us and the Afghans, so they put up a barrier of wood. The idea of escaping first came around when they put up this barrier, because this barrier blocked the view of this guard, so he couldn't see us. After this I consulted with our *Shaykh* Abū Yahyā Al-Lībī, and our brother Abū Mu'ādh As-Sūrī and our brother Abūl-Fārūq Al-'Irāqī, excluding the other Arabs; we didn't tell the other Arabs. And we agreed secretly between us to escape with the permission of Allāh All Mighty. Our first goal was to escape from this humiliation and slavery by any means, even if we escaped and were killed in the process. Because we were not able to have patience with this humiliation and disgrace. After that, we agreed upon the following...

First, with the permission of Allāh All-Mighty, the day of our escape will be on a holiday, which will be Sunday, the weekend of the Americans.

Second, that we will change our clothes, as the clothing of the prisoners where the yellow and blue clothes, so we wore only the blue clothing.

Third, when we leave this room with the permission of Allāh All-Mighty, each one of us will arrange his bedding as though someone was sleeping inside, so that if the soldier comes to our room after we have gone, he will see our bedding and think that someone is asleep there.



Fourth, I and our brother Abūl-Fārūq will be the first to leave through the door of the room to this door; this green colour is the big wooden door. So I and Abūl-Fārūq will leave through the door and *Shaykh* Abū Yahyā and Abū Mu’ādh will stay inside the room, so that we go out to observe the situation and gather information. If it is possible for us to escape, then we will signal to our brothers to come and join us.

On the appointed night, eleven o’clock PM on 10/7/2005, Abūl-Fārūq – who is experienced in lock picking – picked the door lock. After that I went out through the door, and as you can see, there exists a simple barrier that passes between us and the guards, keeping in mind that the movement of the Americans is a lot. However at that time, with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty, their movement was little.

I went out through this door, and after me came brother Abul-Fārūq. After that, I moved the barrier that is between the two doors and there was left one lock in the middle of the door and as I said, it was a wooden door. So I went down to the bottom of the door and opened a gap in the door giving Abūl-Fārūq the chance to get out. Abūl-Fārūq went out then he did as I did, he opened a gap in the door and then I went out.

As you can see, we are now outside the hall; however we are still inside the prison, this is the wall that encloses it. As for this, it is the wall of the hall. And as you can see here, this red dot is an American guard, between him and us are approximately 15 meters, however there was here a water tank and this water tank stood between us and him. The guard was sitting here on a chair and he was reading a book. At this time, Abūl-Fārūq stayed here, and I advanced to the door and the distance was approximately eight meters. This black colour is the metal door and it is the last door to get out of this prison. I climbed up this door and began to survey on this side, and this side and this side and I found on the right, as you can see, a wire-mesh fence with chicken wire and after it, a narrow walkway, approximately one meter wide, and after that, as you can see, cement barriers and after that, about five meters, a guard post containing three American guards and the distance between me and those guards was approximately seven meters. So I looked to my left and I found this vehicle, as you can see, this is a road. The road comes from here, goes in this direction, and then stops here. So as you can see, on my left there was this American vehicle and inside were around three or two American soldiers. In front of me was another field, these are cement barriers, as you can see and in front of these cement barriers there were American vehicles, about 20 American vehicles. The movement of the American soldiers was a lot here, as you can



see this is another building and here is the door and the American soldiers were moving in this direction and this direction, and they were moving around in this field. After this, I returned to the brother Abūl-Fārūq and I discussed with him and we agreed that with the permission of Allāh All-Mighty we would be able to escape. So Abūl-Fārūq signaled to *Shaykh* Abū Yahyā. After that Abū Yahyā came out and then after him came Abū Mu’ādh. And we had agreed that the last person to leave would be Abū Mu’ādh as he would return the door and locks to how they were, so that if the pig, the American guard came toward us, he would see everything in its normal state.

After that, Abū Yahyā came out and then Abū Mu’ādh, so we ended up being four in this location, hiding behind this tank. At that moment, about four Americans came out to this guard and stayed with him about 5 minutes, smoking, and then after that they went back inside. After that, the brothers and I advanced to the door and we managed to open it from the bottom. Then I went out, after me came Abū Yahyā and then the rest came out to this place. This is a wall, its height is about four meters and the height of this hall is about 15 meters and at the top of this hall there are spotlights, and these spotlights were shining in this direction, so behind this wall there was a shadow, its area was about a meter or half. And with the Blessing of Allāh All-Mighty, this darkness was what was blocking us from being seen by this American vehicle, whereas if the soldier here turned the lights of the car on he would have seen us. We stayed here, then me and brother Abū Yahyā tried to climb over this wire-mesh fence, and on top of it was chicken wire, and we found that it was very dangerous, we could climb over it but we were not equal to it. After that I discussed with my brothers and we agreed that we would be able to move the wire-mesh fence in this corner. Here the wire-mesh was very strong and was attached to another wire-mesh buried in the ground, and the two meshes were connected to each other with very strong pins. Not even the strength of 10 men would be able to pull it apart. Abū Yahyā and I tried to pull apart this mesh, we tried for 10 minutes, but we weren’t able to.

At this moment seven Americans came out from here - this door - then they moved in our direction until they reached this place. By Allāh there was only between us - how much.. - about 10 or 15 meters. By Allāh nothing prevented them from seeing us except the darkness - nothing except Allāh and then the darkness. At this moment we reached out to Allāh All-Mighty to blind them from seeing us and all praise is due to Allāh, Allāh answered our *Du’ā*. Then the Americans turned away and they returned and entered the prison. Then we tried again to pull apart the wire-mesh, we tried and tried



but by Allāh we were not able to, so we reached out to Allāh to remove this problem for us and we gave to Allāh a lot. And with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty, Abū Yahyā, after *Du'ā*, with one hand opened these pins, and this is a sign from Allāh All-Mighty, and this was the most dangerous situation we went through and all praise is to Allāh Who answered our *Du'ā*.

After that, we opened a gap in this place, with the blessing of Allāh, and then we agreed to go out one by one, between each brother approximately five or three minutes. Yes, in this place we removed our tops, because our clothes, the top was yellow and the pants were blue. So at that moment we removed the tops, and which became known after two days that they found them here, and were hidden in this place. After that, I came out crawling, as you can see, the place is exposed, here, in front of this vehicle, and here the place is lighted, as for this place, it's shaded. This place is lighted in front of this vehicle, and the job of this vehicle is to light up this place. With the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty we crawled across until we arrived behind these cement barriers. We crawled out of this passage and then we arrived under this vehicle, and then my brothers followed after me. So Abū Yahyā and I were under this vehicle, and brother Abū Mu'ādh was here, and brother Abūl-Fārūq was here, under this vehicle. At this moment one of the American soldiers came out and stood between these two cars. By Allāh, if he looked down, he would have seen Abū Mu'ādh - Abū Mu'ādh is here - if he looked down to his right he would have seen Abū Mu'ādh and if he looked down to his left, he would have seen Abūl Fārūq. So the American got into this car, then he turned it on, leaving it running for about five minutes, and Abū Yahyā and I were here watching, tensely. When the American got into the vehicle, Abūl-Fārūq managed to escape from under this car, and then the pig moved the car and went out. And all praise is due to Allāh Who saved us in this situation.

And after that we began to crawl, and also Abū Mu'ādh moved from this vehicle to this vehicle. After that we began crawling under the cars, and there were between 18 and 20 vehicles. We crawled under one, then another and our movements were slow and we were cautious because of the large number of movements of the Americans - they were moving a lot in this place. After that we reached this place, and here there was a big guard post, and *Alhamdulillah* we were able to leave in front of it. We reached this place with the permission of Allāh All-Mighty, and as you can see, we crossed this space, the area of the prison, and this space where this building is. So ahead of us remained, this area, and this area was approximately 100 meters by 100 meters - a square, and the



lighting here was strong. And this space was empty of any barriers, like cars, so there did not exist anything that we could hide under. So we held a counsel here and we decided that we would act as though we were American soldiers, and this place belonged specifically to a division of the engineering department of the American army, the carpenters. Here there was a wooden table, a chair and a long piece of wood. I picked up the table and held up it to my right, that way it would be a cover between me and the houses of the American soldiers. So I crossed this way, from this place, I walked as though I was an American soldier carrying something. So I walked in this direction until I reached this shaded place. And as you can see this place is between the last of the houses of the Americans and this fence and it was shaded. After that, by five minutes, brother Abū Mu’ādh followed, carrying a metal chair. He was walking by himself in this way until he reached me. After that, brother Abūl-Fārūq came out, and he didn’t have anything with him, until he reached this place. Finally, *Shaykh* Abū Yahyā came out and he carried with him only the piece of wood. As he was passing, in the middle of the way, an American female soldier came out, however with the blessing of Allāh, He blinded her from seeing him.

Finally, he reached us and we gathered in this place. We passed these cement barriers, then we reached this chicken wire fence and we prayed to Allāh, then Allāh inspired us to open a gap at the bottom of this wire mesh fence. All four of us worked together until we were able with the permission of Allāh to open a gap, then we got out through this gap. When we reached this area, an American vehicle suddenly appeared so we lay down on the ground, hiding between the bushes and trees, until it passed us. After that *Alhamdulillah* with our hearts at ease, we began to move through the American housing quarters, and the time was approximately 1:30 AM. After that we passed between the houses of the Americans, until we reached another wire mesh fence, so we opened a gap in the bottom.

We came out to another area, also belonging to the engineering forces of the Americans, containing the bulldozers and other heavy equipment. So we passed through them, and we had surveyed before, and we didn’t find any guard or anyone. After that, we found ourselves in front of a big launch pad for helicopters and Apaches. On our right and left were workshops used to fix these helicopters. So we looked around to see if we could see any American guards but we didn’t find anyone. After that, the four of us advanced, and as we were moving we found at the foot of one of these helicopters, a sleeping soldier, and there was only a small distance between us and him,



approximately five meters. With the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty we noticed him, so we turned back, about 50 meters, walking further away, then we passed him. We passed by the helicopter, and there were between 15 and 20 carrier helicopters. So we advanced forward, about 100 meters and we came upon some Apache helicopters, about 15 of them. At this moment an American patrol vehicle was passing by, so we hid under one of the helicopters until the patrol went by. Then we went ahead, about one kilometer, until we came upon the main runway of the airplanes. There, we discussed and we agreed that we would head to the right, because, as is known, if the airplanes land in this direction and take off in this direction, or opposite, then there isn't in this place or this place any American buildings, instead they are either on (the runway's) right or left.

So we began to move in this direction for about 1.5 kilometers, and after that we came to the end of the field. We found ourselves in front of an empty desert, containing some trees. We expected that this place contained minefields, because it is known that Bagram is surrounded by minefields, from the time of the Russians, and then after them the Communists, and then during the time of Ahmad Shah Mas'ūd, and then during the time of the Tālibān, when they were occupying this base, they had surrounded it with minefields. However with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty, and it was Allāh Who was guiding us, Allāh took us to a place empty from mines, with the Blessing of Allāh All-Mighty. And we had found the traces of mines in the ground, we found the wires and some pieces of wood and some signs of mines on the ground. Here we agreed that we would go one by one, between each brother 10 meters, and we crossed, with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty, this field until we reached - and even if there were mines there, then Allāh had saved us from them - until we reached the last wire fence of this base. Then, with the blessing of Allāh, we were able to open a gap under this wire fence, and get out of this base. And by Allāh, we could not believe that we had escaped from this base, based on what we had heard from the exaggeration of the media about this base, and that it is fortified, and that even a pigeon can't get out. However this is false, and Allāh has exposed and embarrassed them with our escape from this base. This, and all praise is due to Allāh, Lord of the Worlds, and blessings and peace be upon the Prophets and Messengers.”



Abū Mu’ādh As-Sūrī:

“In the Name of Allāh, Most-Gracious, Most-Merciful

All praise is due to Allāh for Whose Decree there is no replacement, and for whose Wisdom there is no substitute.

All praise is due to Allāh Who created the skies and earth and what’s in between them.

“Say (O Muhammad salAllāhu ‘alayhi wa Sallam): ‘O Allāh! Possessor of the kingdom, You give the kingdom to whom You will, and You take the kingdom from whom You will, and You endue with honour whom You will, and You humiliate whom You will. In Your Hand is the good. Verily, You are Able to do all things.’ [Qur’ān Āl-Imrān, Verse 26]

And send O Allāh, prayers upon our Prophet Muhammad, the leader of the auspicious *Mujāhidīn*.

To Proceed:

My brothers, peace, mercy and blessings from Allāh be upon you. *As-Salāmu Alaykum Warahmatullāhi Wabarākatuh*.

We will start off, if Allāh wills, from where our brother Abū Nāsir Al-Qahtānī left off and we will finish the story of our escape from the prison with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty.

First of all, thanks to Allāh Who saved us from the disbelieving people, and we don’t know how we can thank Allāh All-Mighty for this huge blessing.

After we got out of Bagram, and the last fence and enclosure, we began to enter villages. At this time we were asking each other, *‘Did we get out, did we really escape from Bagram prison, the huge base, the base that we used to hear about?’* We asked, *‘Did we get out?’* To be honest, we couldn’t believe it. I said, *‘No it’s impossible.’*

So we began to walk and walk, until we got close to some mud houses. We were worried that it could be a checkpoint belonging to the apostates. We got closer and we found, all praise is due to Allāh, that they were normal houses. We began to enter the plantations, in and out, over walls, until we entered into the middle of a village. We



walked in the village until - of course anything living we kept away from it, for example if we saw a car parked next to a house, we kept away from it, or if we saw people sleeping outside a house we moved away from them; we didn't want to get close to anyone - until we came out of the village. After we left the village - it was around dawn, I think - getting close to dawn. We walked a little out of the village until we heard the sound of *Adhān* - the *Adhān* of *Fajr*. After that we needed to find a place to hide because now we were visible so the people will definitely find us. So we looked around, right left, up down, there was no place, no cave, no trench, nothing. However we found some harvested wheat, the people had left piles upon the ground, so we said we had no choice but to hide in them. So we prayed *Fajr* quickly, before the light rose. Then we burrowed through and got inside the wheat and covered ourselves completely, leaving only our faces to breath. So we stayed there - of course, may Allāh accept from us - it was very tough. There were prickles - as you know wheat has prickles - not to mention the insects entering your mouth and ears. We stayed there until around 6 or 5 o'clock, then we began to hear the alarms sounding from the Bagram base. We knew that they knew we had escaped. All praise is due to Allāh, we stayed there, praying to Allāh and remembering Him All-Mighty...

Abū Nāsir Al-Qahtānī:

With the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty we escaped at 11 o'clock at night and they didn't find out until 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning, because of their stupidity. All praise is due to Allāh.

Abū Mu'ādh As-Sūrī:

“Of course this is because of their attitude - they are conceited and arrogant - they say ‘What prisoner can escape from us? Who can attack our base Bagram?’



Anyway...we stayed like this until something like 10 or 11 o'clock. At that time – 10 or 11 o'clock – the people were harvesting, working on their land. Suddenly an old man came with his son about 16 or 18 years old. Yes, he was the owner of the wheat, the land, and he was bringing with him a pile of wheat, intending to place it on top of the pile we were in. By the will of Allāh, he came to place of brother Abū Nāsir, where he was sleeping. He was holding the wheat, intending to put it down like this, then he looked and was astonished, he saw Abū Nāsir. He began to say 'Astaghfirullāh, Astaghfirullāh, Astaghfirullāh...' and he began to speak in Pashtu or Persian, I don't know what... 'Who are you? Where did you come from?' Like that...

Before he could shout out or something, Brother Abū Nāsir - may Allāh reward him - quickly began to talk to him, telling him, 'Don't be afraid, I am a Muslim. I am an Arab. I ran away from the disbelievers,' and this and that. When the man heard that, he quieted down. Abū Nāsir told him 'We need water.' He said 'Ok, no problem.' So the old man and his son went. As soon as they left we decided to get out, we were scared that he might talk to the people; we didn't know who he was. So quickly we needed to get out of this place before anyone came. So in the name of Allāh we left. Remember we were only wearing pants, the rest of our body exposed. So we began to walk, looking left and right and there are people spread around, everyone working on their land, people harvesting, planting, and watering, everyone working on their land. Someone 100 meters away, people spread everywhere. The people were astonished, they saw four people with weird clothes, not even wearing anything other than pants, they were astonished. Some people lifted their hands and waved like this, so we did too, saying: 'As-Salāmu 'Alaykum,' and they replied, 'Wa 'Alaykum As-Salām' ... they were wondering who these people were.

Naturally we were walking and praying to Allāh and giving ourselves up to Allāh All-Mighty, because we were scared. Helicopters were coming and going. Planes coming and going, searching. However, all praise is due to Allāh, Allāh All-Mighty blinded them from us.

“And We have put a barrier before them, and a barrier behind them, and We have covered them up, so they cannot see.” [Qur' ān, Yā Sīn, Verse 9]

After a while, all praise is due to Allāh, we found a small valley. So we entered the valley. We searched around for a while and found a small space, however it was open and very narrow. Anyway, we sat down in this narrow place. Abūl-Fārūq went in and



sat down, after him came Abū Yahyā and he sat down on Abūl Fārūq’s knees, then I went in and sat on Abū Yahyā’s knees, then Abū Nāsir came in and sat on my knees. He put some plants in front so we would be covered. It was very cramped plus the heat of the sun, some of the brothers crying and giving themselves up to Allāh because of the situation. So we stayed a little while, then we got out and Abūl-Fārūq said: ‘*I want to search around for a better place.*’

So he went to search and all praise is due to Allāh, he found a place a little bigger with better shade and cover and the helicopters wouldn’t be able to see, all praise is due to Allāh. So we went and sat there, of course, all praise is due to Allāh, praying to Allāh and thanking Him and at the same time we could not believe that we had left Bagram and escaped, and all praise is due to Allāh. We stayed there in that way until *Maghrib*, we didn’t want to move around in the day as everything is exposed and they would see us. The night is more covered. So until sunset fell - of course during this day is when you feel the thirst and hunger - very thirsty, since yesterday we didn’t drink any water, and the heat, with the heat one gets very thirsty, that was it, we couldn’t handle it. So for us to move and get going, we needed water, and in this place there was no water.

So we decided that, after *Maghrib* we would return to the village, the one that we had left. We returned to the village and searched for water, we looked left and right. We found some plantations and ate from them, until we found some water on the ground. Anyway we drank from this water, thanking Allāh All-Mighty, we made *Wudū* (ablution), then we prayed *Maghrib* and ‘*Ishā* and sat down praying to Allāh All-Mighty, that He would ease our affairs and provide us with water and food, then we put our trust in Allāh All-Mighty and began to walk. We walked and walked, we walked past people, but all praise is due to Allāh we kept away from people. We walked a far distance, something like approximately 10 kilometers. And then we got thirsty again, of course we were very tired, so we looked left and right, there was no water. So we discussed together, as we were coming we had passed by a house, a house on the outskirts of the village, so we discussed together and decided that we had better go back to that house to get some water, so....”



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Shaykh Abū Yahyā Al-Lībī:

“Of course this is somewhat of a big adventure; that you come to a house that you don’t know, and it could belong to the agents of the Americans, or you could be fortunate and the person is a man of goodness, and all praise is due to Allāh, this is what Allāh blessed us with.”

Abū Mu’ādh As-Sūrī:

Of course we didn’t begin any action until we first prayed to and asked Allāh All-Mighty for what is good for us and discussed together. Before any action, thanks to Allāh, and Allāh made it easy for us.

So we asked Allāh for what’s best for us and then we returned to the house, we went back about 2 or 3 kilometers. Two stayed behind, Abū Yahyā and Abūl-Fārūq; and Abū Nāsir and I went. We went to the owner of the house, ‘*As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum’ ... ‘Wa Alaykum As-Salām.*’ We told him that we were traveling and that we wanted water. He said no problem and brought us water. So we asked him if he had some bread, a loaf like this. He said yes, so we said bring it may Allāh reward you. We went back and divided the bread between the brothers, into four pieces, and we drank water until we quenched our thirst with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty. We put our trust in Allāh and began to walk...

Shaykh Abū Yahyā Al-Lībī:

“Of course, we will not forget, that our appearances were as though we were not from the people of this world, here came some people with long beards, with no tops and only pants, in the middle of the night, so with this man, Allāh made the man steadfast and firm and he gave us what the brother mentioned.”



Abūl-Fārūq Al-‘Irāqī:

“...And he gave us some water.”

Abū Mu‘ādh As-Sūrī:

“...Yes.

And we had asked him, *‘Is there a river close by and mountains?’* and he pointed and said *‘Here in this direction there are,’* and this was all good with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty, all that was after was good...

So we went, putting our trust in Allāh All-Mighty, we traveled a fair distance, by now dawn was creeping in, so we began to look for a place, we looked left and right, we found a place, a small cave, and thanks to Allāh it was better covered than before and wider.

We stayed there and prayed *Fajr* and we went to sleep in it. We stayed there all day, praying there and supplicating to Allāh to ease our affairs. Of course the American aircrafts were still looking for us. The helicopters, and the 630s, Apaches, they were searching left and right, going back and forth, searching, but Allāh All-Mighty concealed us with His Blessing. We stayed like this until sunset, we prayed *Maghrib* and *‘Ishā* and we supplicated to Allāh as usual. Also the man of the day before, had given us a container of water, we divided it between the four of us so it would give us strength to keep going and then we went. We went to the place were we were told there was a river, we traveled, I don’t know exactly, how many kilometers approximately...”



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Shaykh Abū Yahyā Al-Lībī:

“Around three kilometers and a half, approximately.”

Abū Mu’ādh As-Sūrī:

“Yes, there was a checkpoint on the way; there was a deserted military residence. So when we reached there, Abū Nāsir wanted to investigate a bit, to see if there was anyone there. We knew it was a residence. So Abū Nāsir what happened with you?”

Abū Nāsir Al-Qahtānī:

“I went, I told the brothers, ‘*You wait here while I investigate around.*’ I thought it was a small post. So when I went I found it was a military residence, I found a tank, or two tanks, thanks to Allāh, I returned to the brothers and told them, ‘*This is a military residence, we should keep away from it.*’”

Abū Mu’ādh As-Sūrī:

“When Abū Nāsir returned we continued on our way, we walked a distance until we began to see lights of the houses, some of the houses spread around, on the outskirts of the village. So when we arrived close to it, Shaykh Abū Yahyā and Abūl-Fārūq stayed behind, and me and Abū Nāsir went together. Why? So that incase, Allāh forbid, we came upon a hypocrite or spy and got caught, only two of us would be caught and the other two would escape, and if there was any good, water and food, we would call the brothers. So when we arrived there, we talked with the people... “*As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum*” ... “*Wa Alaykum As-Salām*” ... They asked ‘*Where are you coming from?*’ We said



‘We are people traveling, we are from such a place and from such a people.’ So he said, ‘No this is not right, you are not from such a people, look at you, only with pants, you are not Afghans.’ He said, ‘You are the ones who escaped from Bagram; the Arabs...’ ‘No brother, how?’ ‘No...no you are the ones who escaped, the Arabs, don’t be afraid...’ And he said, ‘Don’t be afraid, I am a Muslim and you are Muslims, tell me so that I can give you clothing, food, money, whatever you want, tell me, don’t be afraid, if you are the Arabs, I will help you quickly...’ So me and Abū Nāsir discussed, Abū Nāsir said to me ‘Yallah, Bismillāh... We will put our trust in Allāh, In Shā Allāh they are Muslims....’

Thanks to Allāh, they quickly brought us in to the house, they brought us food, and we called out to *Shaykh* Abū Yahyā and Abul-Fārūq. They brought us dinner, food, they gave us clothes, and everything they could give, from clothes, shoes, money they gave us, they even gave each of us a fair amount of money. It was clear they were poor people, people of the village, not rich, shepherds. So they began to talk, they began to describe to us the way, *‘Here you’ll find this.’* Of course we didn’t know anything in this place. They began to describe to us the road, *‘Go left, go right.’* And they said, *‘We hate the Americans, those English, that’s what they said, those English we hate them, the disbelievers, keep away from them, here is Bagram keep away from it, go this way towards the Muslims.’* We told them, *‘Good, may Allāh reward you.’* So after that we left. After that, with all that talk may Allāh reward them, they began to apologize to us, *“We can’t help you more than this,”* so after this we began to walk.

Again we walked a far distance that night and we passed close by some people, Bedouins, we saw them in the darkness. We passed by them and the dogs began to bark from there, so we began to try to move away from them. They came out and they called out, *‘Come’*. We didn’t know who they were, they could be Muslims, they could be the agents of the Americans. So we left them and ran away and they began to shoot at us. However, thanks to Allāh, He protected us from them.

We continued on our way until we entered the mountains, we walked approximately 18 or 15 kilometers that night until we reached near some water. We found a place like a trench, renovated, covered with stones and we sat there. There was pool of water and the spring was about 20 meters away from us, very close to us. So the people and women would come from the surrounding villages to get water from this spring. However thanks to Allāh, He veiled us. Even, there were some dogs, they came and stood in front of us, looking at us, the people didn’t see us, but the dog came around



and saw us. So the dog was looking at us like this... Normally if a dog sees something strange they have to bark and let its owner know. When we saw the dog we began to pray to Allāh... ‘O Allāh hide us, O Allāh keep the evil of this dog away from us.’ By Allāh, all praise is due to Allāh, the dog didn’t make a sound nor did he move, *Subhān Allāh*, he left us and returned back to its owners. *Subhān Allāh*, for sure it was a sign from Allāh for us that Allāh is with us with His Help.

Anyway, when the sun set and we had washed, cleaned and made ablution and ate what food was available and filled up the water that was with us – we had taken some containers – then we left; putting our trust in Allāh.

After this mountain, directly, there was a checkpoint, on the road. So when we got close to this checkpoint, we passed from behind it. We moved away and went around from behind it, so no one knew we were there nor felt our presence. After we passed by the checkpoint, we walked, we walked very much that night, more than the night before, maybe 15 kilometers or more, or even 20.

We kept walking until something like 3 o’clock in the morning; it was getting closer to dawn. So we discussed together and we decided. We didn’t find any trench, we didn’t find anything, no cave. On the main road there was an overpass, the road that the Americans would go on to Bagram, going back and forth all day long. So we sat under the overpass, praying to Allāh to protect us from the evil of the Americans, and no one found us that day. We stayed there as usual, sleeping in the day, waiting until sunset. With us also were some sweet cakes that the owner of that house had given us. We divided them between us and also we had water, we distributed it between us. After sunset, we prayed *Maghrib* and ‘*Ishā* and we put our trust in Allāh All-Mighty. So we began to move as we normally did, when the sunset we would begin to move. We walked and walked a long distance, maybe 10 or 15 kilometers, right?

On the way we passed close by a village - no not a village *Astaghfirullāh*, a house, a laborer’s house, this house was on the outskirts of the village, a normal house of mud. So we discussed together for a little while, Abū Nāsir said, “*I’ll go and survey this house a bit, see if they are common people, Muslims, see their ways, if they are Mujāhidīn.*” So he went and us three stayed behind, Abū Nāsir got closer and was surveying until he entered through the fence belonging to this house - a small fence - the first thing he saw through the window of the house, he saw men inside praying, so he said, ‘OK, they are praying so



then they are Muslims In Shā Allāh.’ So he returned to us and told us, ‘Good news the people of the house are Muslims In Shā Allāh they are good.’ Of course we asked Allāh for what’s best for us as usual, and then he and I went, because we both speak some Pashtu, so he and I went and Shaykh Abū Yahyā and Abūl-Fārūq stayed behind.

When we got close to them... ‘As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum’... ‘Wa Alaykum As-Salām’... ‘Who are you?’ we told them we are from such a people and such a place, a specific people, and we told them this and that. And so of course they were astonished, who are these people - not normal. And when we were sitting down talking, *Subhān Allāh* as soon as we saw them we saw in their faces righteousness and goodness and thanks to Allāh I felt very relaxed with them. We were sitting with them talking, Abū Nāsir and me, when a man came; their leader. So Abū Nāsir said to me, ‘Hurry, talk to him, In Shā Allāh there is good with him.’ So I took him aside... ‘As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum. We are so and so. This is our story.’ As soon as I talked, he knew. He said... ‘Are you Arabs?’ I said, “Yes.” He said, “Come.” He told his brothers, ‘Prepare for them dinner.’ And he said to us, “Call your friends.” *Subhān Allāh* they were like the ones before them or even more. They said, ‘We are from the people of Tālibān, we love the Tālibān and we are with the Tālibān and we hate the disbelievers. And with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty, Allāh Had Mercy on you. Very close to here, only a few meters away from this house there is a checkpoint of the apostates. Allāh All-Mighty protected you from going to that checkpoint. And always, from this checkpoint the soldiers come here to talk and chat with us.’ So they made us dinner may Allāh reward them and they gave us a lot of food and they also gave us money and one gave a knife... [inaudible]... may Allāh reward them.

So... [inaudible]...as soon as we arrived the leader told one of his people to go and stand and keep watch...[inaudible]...incase they suddenly come upon us. So after we had finished one of the apostates came and quickly they told us, so we left - of course they gave us water and everything and showed us the way - one of them came out with us and told us the way - like this and that, go this way and that - May Allāh reward him. So we put our trust in Allāh All-Mighty...[inaudible]...

That night we traveled a very long distance, we walked until dawn. We found a valley. We entered this valley to hide in it and in it was not a cave - half a cave not too exposed. We sat in it. We didn’t sleep for more than an hour, when a shepherd came over and began to talk to us in Pashtu, ‘Who are you? Where are you coming from?’ So I replied to him, ‘We are traveling... [inaudible].’ So he left us and went. And *Subhān Allāh* we were



afraid of that man so quickly we wanted to move. And that was a blessing from Allāh All-Mighty in fact it was a sign from Allāh All-Mighty (to us). Because the place that we were passing through at that time, if we went through it in the night, if we waited until the night, we wouldn't be able to escape...[inaudible]...there were houses everywhere, bedouins and people here and there and dogs here, and farm lands, if we went passed it we would be caught quickly. And *Subhān Allāh*...[inaudible]...in fact from the day that we decided to escape, to the day we reached the brothers Allāh All-Mighty was with us, and we feel that with certainty.

Anyway, we began to walk, we walked through the farm lands, when we entered we saw villages and people, *Subhān Allāh*, we knew that Allāh All-Mighty sent us that man, as though tell us, now is not the time to rest but to move and walk and to put our trust in Allāh All-Mighty.

So we began to walk through these villages and places and there were posts belonging to the apostates, we even passed very close to an American post. So we walked until around sunrise reaching a market, a market close to Kabul. We entered this market, and of course we separated two and two together, me and Abū Nāsir, and Abū Yahyā and Abū Fārūq between us a wide distance, so the people wouldn't see us four together. When we finished and bought the things we needed, we left the market. Also the first thing when we entered the market, we passed by three soldiers of the apostates, after a bit, as we entered further, two German vehicles passed by us, full of German soldiers, and of course armed with their weapons. But thanks to Allāh, He blinded their sight. And again after a little while two more German vehicles passed by us, however Allāh All-Mighty protected us as usual. After we finished from all this, we left the market, and walked until we reached a place. We reached a deserted tent, so we stayed in that tent, we slept there and rested. There was water close by thanks to Allāh, there were some villages, some houses, we got water from there. And even some of the brothers found a bomb inside that tent. Every step, every stage and Allāh would bless us even more, at one time He gives us clothes, one time its food, money until Allāh began to give us weapons, *Subhān Allāh*. By Allāh, *Subhān Allāh*, I am astonished, when a person and slave and *Mujāhid* feels that the signs of Allāh are with him, he doesn't fear anything and nothing harms him and he puts his trust in Allāh All-Mighty.

We stayed there until 'Asr, or after 'Asr. We prayed 'Asr, put our trust in Allāh and began to move, we walked until we reached some houses on the outskirts of the village.



So we discussed with each other and asked Allāh for what is best for us, and Abū Nāsir and I went while *Shaykh* Abū Yahyā and Abūl-Fārūq stayed behind. When we got close to the house we saw a man... [inaudible]...we went to the man who was praying, and we said, ‘In Shā Allāh there is good in him, a Muslim praying.’ So we went to him and told him, ‘We were traveling’ ... [inaudible] ... so he was astonished, he said “You are not traveling.” So he asked, “Are you the ones who escaped from the prison’ ... All the people had heard of us... “Are you the ones who escaped from the prison? Tell me, don’t be afraid, I am a Muslim, here is my brother and my brothers, all of my people are Muslims. Tell me so we can help you.’ So I discussed with Abū Nāsir and he said, ‘Bismillāh tell him’ ...we said, “We are Arabs.” He said ‘Come, come.’ We told him, ‘We have our friends there,’ he said ‘Bring them’. They took us to one of their houses and they gathered around us, around 15 of them gathered around us, the people of those houses, among them old men. Then they began to discuss, how they can help us and this and that. They gave us money... [inaudible]... Everything they had they could give they gave us, of course after we finished from all this, they showed us the way. They told us, ‘Go in the day, don’t go at night, if you go in the day time, no one will notice you, and go separately. If you go at night, the people will look at you, who are these who are walking at night, because no one walks around at night.’ Of course we asked Allāh to reward them, two or three of them came with us some distance and showed us the way...[inaudible]...we walked a little and we sat there, we slept in the night, so that in the day we could walk, we slept in the night until dawn thanks to Allāh and rested. When we prayed *Fajr*, all the things we had with us that were not necessary we threw them there.

After that, we went past that river and entered the plantations, these plantations were very lengthy. We walked and walked in those plantations for around more than a day...[inaudible]...until even some of the brothers got blisters on their feet, to the point were the brother would walk with hardship, however we couldn’t sit and stay in this place, we just held on and walked. We kept walking until we reached almost to the main pathway that you go through..[inaudible]...we found some houses on a mountain, houses separated, so we went over to them and told them, ‘We are travelers,’ and such and they gave us food, may Allāh reward them. So after that we began to walk a short distance and we descended...[inaudible]...there was a river with water, we rested there and sat, we had a nap and we prayed there, until roughly after ‘*Asr*’.

So after ‘*Asr*’, suddenly a man came upon us, walking like this, this man *Subhān Allāh*... [inaudible]... those that work with the Americans, he was well dressed and appeared to



be a rich man, so we were afraid of him, we were worried he might be from the intelligence. So he passed by and looked like this, strange looks, so we were surprised, who was this man, until he gave us *Salām*, as soon as he passed, one of the brothers saw a mobile (phone), he said, *‘This man has a mobile,’* so we said, *‘That’s it. He probably is from the intelligence.’* So quickly we moved, we went in the opposite direction and entered the plantations that we had just come from. If we went ahead, we would be seen, we couldn’t hide, so we returned to the plantations, we walked to the plantations quickly. *Subhān Allāh*, in the beginning we thought this was bad, but it was good and a sign from Allāh All-Mighty and it was a favour, because it was as though Allāh sent this man so that we would return back and find the people who would help us. So we went until we reached close to Kabul and we found some young men on the way and they asked us, *‘Who are you?’* And we found in them goodness so we told them, *‘We are the Arabs who escaped from the prison.’* So they said, *‘Good, you will find a righteous man In Shā Allāh in such a place inside Kabul. He will In Shā Allāh help you, we know him.’* We said *‘Good.’*

We went to see the man, may Allāh reward him, and the man quickly sent us to some people from his group and they helped us, may Allāh reward them, and those people are the ones who brought us to the Tālibān, may Allāh reward them. And this was, from when we left Bagram until we reached inside Kabul and all praise is due to Allāh. And we were in Kabul but the Americans and no one knew of our presence, not the apostates, nor the spies working for the Americans, no one caught us thanks to Allāh All-Mighty. And this was a blessing and protection from Allāh. And I will repeat and thank and praise Allāh All-Mighty for this huge blessing that we can never thank more enough, except that Allāh blesses us with martyrdom for His sake. We thank something from the blessings of Allāh All-Mighty, and I thank the Muslims who helped us, may Allāh reward them. And I thank the Tālibān who received us and brought us to the *Mujāhidīn*, may Allāh reward them.”



Abū Nāsir Al-Qahtānī:

“By Allāh, with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty from the time we left Bagram until we reached the Tālibān we stayed many days, by Allāh the people would receive us with tears and hugs, with the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty. The people of Afghanistan whom the Americans say complain about Al-Qā'idah and Tālibān, by Allāh they would receive us with tears and hugs and they curse and insult and ask for the Americans to be removed from Afghanistan.”

Abūl-Fārūq Al-'Irāqī:

“They would, when they left us, or if we left the house, they would all cry, as though he was your brother, *Subhān Allāh*, as though he was your father, as though he was your very close relative, *Subhān Allāh*, and this is the blessing of Allāh All-Mighty.”

Abū Mu'ādh As-Sūrī:

“Even some of the mothers of those Afghans who helped us, he would tell us about his mother, he said “*When my mother heard the news, she began to cry and cry a lot,*” even they would send us some gifts with their sons.”

Abūl-Fārūq Al-'Irāqī:

“And this confirms the *Hadīth* of the Prophet peace be upon him: ‘*The Believers are to each other like the component parts of a foundation, each [part] strengthening the other*’ [Narrated by Muslim]. And all praise is due to Allāh we found this among the Muslims



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in this country. And we ask Allāh All-Mighty to make the blessing of *Islām* prevail among us, *Āmīn.*”

[End of Part 1 transcript]

Wal-Hamdulillāhi Rabb Al- ‘Ālamīn